

## WILL REDUCE AUTO ACCIDENTS

**Proposed Bill Would Compel Motorists to Stop at Railway Crossings**

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 15.—A measure to prevent accidents at grade crossings by compelling automobiles to come to a standstill before crossing will be introduced into the legislature according to E. F. Brittingham, legislative agent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Brittingham says during the last year there has been a number of fatalities at grade crossings in Missouri due to the failure of motorists to look out for the approach of trains.

Another measure prohibiting railroads operating freight trains more than one-half mile in length will also be introduced. Brittingham says many engineers are being thrown out of employment by the operation of long trains.

### EVENTIDE ITEMS

The weather is fine, mild and pleasant at this writing.

The sick in general in our community are doing well, while there are some that are not doing so well.

Mr. Riddle's singing school at Arnold Chapel closed last Friday night. We had a good singing school and the class all enjoyed themselves. They took a real good interest in the singing and learned well. We, as a community, appreciate Mr. Riddle's services and hope that in the near future he will teach another term of music at Arnold Chapel.

Mrs. Albert Burkhardt went to Monett today to visit friends. She returned this evening and reported a good time.

Jim Harvey went to Aurora yesterday to attend the big meeting being conducted by the world wide evangelist.

The revival meeting at Arnold Chapel is now going on. It commenced the 10th of January and will last until January 24. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

Albert Crossland is improving his home by building an addition to his house.

C. J. Smith is getting ready to build a house on his land that he bought of D. P. Arnold west of Arnold Chapel.

### SUBSTITUTES ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR SCAFFOLD

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Reorganization of the Missouri National Guard in conformity with the provisions of the war department that the state militia might share appropriations by congress is provided for in a bill introduced in the house of the Missouri general assembly today.

Substitution of the electric chair for the scaffold as a means of executing the death penalty, was recommended today in the report of a commission appointed by the senate of the last general assembly to investigate prison conditions throughout the country with a view of improving those in Missouri.

### LYCEUM LEAGUE ORGANIZED

A Lyceum League was organized at Walnut Grove school house, Thursday evening. The officers are: A. Haddock, president; J. F. Mermoud, vice president; Fred Mermoud, secretary-treasurer; V. E. Holmes, sergeant at arms.

On Thursday evening the subject for debate was Resolved that Capital Punishment Should be Abolished. The debate was spirited and interesting.

The League will meet every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Next Thursday evening the program will consist of singing, a quartet, solos, readings and a debate on Suffrage on which three men will have one side and three ladies the other.

### Texas Becoming Civilized

Only ten thousand votes were cast by Texas Republicans last month, whereas eighteen years ago there were 180,000. Civilization is making rapid progress in Texas, and we hope to see the day when every citizen can stand up and say, "I am a Democrat, and a postoffice is good enough for me."—Houston Post.

### HOBERG ITEMS

Mrs. C. J. Henson, who spent last week with her parents helping care for her mother, returned home Saturday.

The sick in Hoberg are the Pates two children, Phillis Agan and Mildred Lea.

Rev. J. M. Hunter, who has been in a series of meetings out at Union, returned home Saturday, the meeting having closed Friday night.

The third number of the Lyceum course will be at the Presbyterian church, Thursday night. The attraction will be the Coronet Male Quartet.

The Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. S. R. Nunley, Wednesday evening.

Miss Ethel Boston, of Mt. Vernon, who teaches school here, went to Monett Friday evening to visit friends until Sunday evening.

Mesdames Howard and Pate called on Miss Nelle Farris last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. T. W. Adams is slowly improving from her recent illness. Her daughter, Miss Lucy remained home to care for her.

Some of our young people motored over to Aurora Wednesday night to attend the revival meeting.

W. L. Howard made a business trip to Kansas City from Monday until Thursday.

C. J. Henson went to Cassville on business, Monday.

Haywood Lea received word that his uncle, C. C. Lee died at Forest Park, Sunday. Relatives from here attended the funeral at Monett, Tuesday.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT

The County Court of Lawrence county met pursuant to adjournment, Monday, January 4, 1915, those present being David Shipman, newly elected Presiding Judge of the Court; John J. Holt and J. R. Lee, newly elected associate Justices of the Court; Thomas R. Colley, newly elected Clerk of the Court and Charles J. Cherry, Sheriff. The following proceedings were had:

Warrants issued to 25 indigent persons in sums ranging from \$3. to \$5 each, as temporary aid.

J. Lewis, a blind man 58 years of age admitted to the county farm.

Resignation of P. H. Barris as county-seat highway commissioner accepted.

Appointment of W. L. Snead as deputy County Clerk approved.

Interested citizens having deposited \$202.65 for permanent improvement of road leading from northwest corner Williamson orchard, east quarter mile, north mile and thence west into Miller, a like sum is appropriated by the court for the same purpose.

W. C. Bingham of Monett special road district exempt from work for one year.

Citizens having deposited \$100 for permanent improvement of road running between sections 18 and 19 27-25, a like sum is appropriated by the court for same purpose.

R. S. Young, John Howard and Geo. — appointed commissioners to assess damages on Shelton-Hargrove road.

Mrs. Eliza C. Lacy turned in completed assessment of county and warrant in sum of \$324.82, balance due from county, issued and State's part certified to auditor.

Bond of Hugh T. Hickman, as county collector, in sum of \$121,000 approved.

Warrants to pay expenses of county during month past issued.

### NO FULL MOON NEXT MONTH

Here is a bit of lore about the moon that is given out in plenty of time for everybody to keep tab on it: February, 1915, will not have a full moon, a thing that has not happened since 1855 and that will not happen again until 2,500,000 years from February.

The moon in January will be full the 1st and 30th. In March it will be full on the 1st and 30th again, and that cuts off any possibility of February having a full moon. It is an odd combination of circumstances, if there is anything in signs—1866 was a peace year after a big war.—Selected.

Mrs. Joe Tucker, of Fayetteville, Ark., is visiting here.

### MAN CONVICTED OF BARRY COUNTY MURDER PAROLED

**William Allen One of Fourteen Convicts Shown Leniency by Governor, Lawrence County Man Also Being Freed**

William Allen, who was convicted in Barry county in November, 1910 of a charge of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the state penitentiary for ten years, was yesterday paroled by Governor Major, on the recommendation of the board of pardons and paroles, to W. G. Wams, of Hart, Ok. Allen killed Sank Gibbs in Barry county July 29, 1897. The two quarreled over a debt Gibbs is said to have owed Allen.

Fourteen paroles to men serving time in the penitentiary were issued by the governor and they will be released today. Among the paroled were:

Archie Mackin, convicted in Jasper county in April, 1907, of a charge of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the state penitentiary for ten years, paroled to Frank H. Lee of Joplin. Mackin, it was alleged, in a drunken quarrel, threw a pick at a man, which missed him and struck and killed a rag picker who happened to be passing.

Sylvester Hampton, convicted in Jasper county in January, 1913, on the charge of highway robbery and sentenced to ten years. He will be turned over to C. George Harrison of Houston, Mo. Hempton, who was only nineteen years of age, was said to have belonged to a gang of juvenile robbers.

Bunt Moody, convicted in Lawrence county in January, 1914, on a charge of burglary and sentenced for two years. He was paroled to S. C. Hill of Stotts City, Mo.

W. L. Foster, convicted in McDonald county in June, 1913, on charge of burglary and jail breaking and sentenced for four years. Paroled to Lois Schrum of Washburn, Mo.—Springfield Republican.

### RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION FOR SANATORIUM

The Junketing Committee from the State Legislature has recommended the following appropriation for the State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon. They made their visit at the institution in November of last year.

Maintenance .....	\$156,000.00
Salaries .....	20,000.00
Additional Salaries:	
Matron for Children Villa .....	1,400.00
Additional Physician .....	3,600.00
Children Villa .....	30,000.00
Bake Oven .....	1,500.00
Improvement of Grounds .....	2,000.00
Public Education .....	3,000.00
Laboratory Supplies .....	1,200.00
	\$218,700.00

### PARTY LEADERS BY VOTE

Senator Ford Would Determine Selection by Primary

Jefferson City, Jan. 14.—Senator Ford of Grundy County proposes to extend the primary election laws so as to include the election of members of the state committee at the August primary, and for the election of delegates to national conventions every four years at a state primary to be held the second Tuesday in April. He introduced two bills in the senate today.

The first measure provides that members of all political party committees shall be elected by congressional districts at the August primaries held biennially, and shall have their names printed on the ballots under the proper party headings.

The other bill makes provision for a special state primary for the election of delegates and alternates every four years to presidential nominating conventions, and under exactly the same provisions as govern the August primaries.

### BARN DANCE

The young people north of town enjoyed a dance in Elbert Cox's new barn, Friday night. The floor in the loft was waxed and it made a good dancing place. There was a large number present and they had a very good time. Three violinists were present.

## MISSOURI BUILDING CHOICE FAIR SITE

**Dedication to Be March 6, State's Day May 3.**

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—Norman Vaughn, secretary of the Missouri Commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, returned Friday from San Francisco. He is elated over the site secured for the Missouri Building at the Fair, which, he says, is the most desirable on the grounds.

The Missouri Building will occupy an elevated position almost in the center of the grounds and will overlook San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate. It is of Georgian style and is made of travertine, a sort of imitation marble. The building was erected by H. H. Hohenschild, a St. Louis architect.

Missouri Day at the Exposition will be May 3. The Governor and his staff will attend. Arrangements for the day are being made by the Missouri-California Society of San Francisco, which has a membership of nearly 500 former Missourians.

The dedication of the Missouri building will be March 6.

### COMMITTEE CUTS DOWN APPROPRIATIONS ASKED

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 14.—The Missouri state poultry experiment station at Mountain Grove, Mo., is the only state institution that will be given an appropriation as large as it has asked the legislature for, if a report submitted by the legislative junketing committee, of which Senator Craig of Nowaway is chairman, is adopted. The amounts asked and recommended for the various institutions follow:

	Asked	Recommended
State University .....	\$1,582,000	\$1,123,800
School of Mines .....	206,475	166,700
Kirksville Normal .....	360,000	287,388
Warrensburg Normal .....	343,350	195,350
Cape Girardeau Normal .....	268,000	197,000
Springfield Normal .....	278,500	251,500
Maryville Normal .....	170,820	170,320
Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Fulton .....	295,950	266,000
School for Blind, St. Louis .....	149,698	100,698
Boonville Reform School .....	181,900	171,200
Industrial Home for Girls, Chillicothe .....	179,400	122,900
Industrial Home for Negro Girls, Tipton .....	96,035	71,317
Tuberculosis Hospital, Mt. Vernon .....	333,950	218,700
Colony for Feeble Minded, Marshall .....	290,950	249,450
Fulton Asylum for Insane .....	210,722	118,482
St. Joseph Asylum for Insane .....	191,200	139,680
Nevada Asylum for Insane .....	309,060	100,260
Farmington Asylum .....	132,950	120,550
State fair Sedalia .....	144,780	44,780
State Board of Agriculture .....	143,857	137,550
Bureau of Geology, Rolla .....	87,000	80,000
State Historical Society, Columbia .....	22,160	15,780
Confederate Home, Higginsville .....	130,227	113,727
Federal Home, St. James .....	136,500	86,550
Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain Grove .....	50,000	43,000

### APPOINTED ON IM- PORTANT COMMITTEES

Senator Robert Mitchell has had the honor of being made chairman of the senate committee on banks and banking and was also placed on the following committees: Ways and means, appropriations, railroads and internal improvements, fish and game laws, enrolled bills.

Representative Chastain was appointed on the committees of commerce and manufacture and life, accident and fraternal insurance.

### NEWTON COUNTY LICENSES

George Youngblood .....	Granby
Nola Hamlin .....	Granby
Geo. E. Winters .....	Bliss, Ok.
Lena L. King .....	Sulphur Springs, Ark.
L. V. Culp .....	Carthage
Mrs. Eliza Prosser .....	Carthage
Hugh Sunderland .....	Belleplaine, Kan.
Bula West .....	Newtonia
Henry G. Rupe .....	Joplin
Besse E. Williams .....	Joplin
Harry Haas .....	Ft. Robinson, Neb.
Lucille Shrum .....	Neosho
Lemuel F. Scarff .....	Siloam Springs
Christia Lindquest .....	Kansas City
Ralph L. Cather .....	Alba
Nettie Swartz .....	Webb City
Cleo Nickle .....	Granby
Stella Cole .....	Neosho
Lloyd Curtis .....	Ritchey
Marie Peters .....	Granby

### FIRE DESTROYS PROP- ERTY IN FAIRVIEW

Thursday night in the still hours when most everybody had retired the dreadful enemy fire made its appearance in our business district. Harve Harter had just locked up his place of business at 11:25 when he discovered fire in the Miller Drug store. The entire store was one big blaze. He spread the alarm but it was too late and nothing could be saved.

The Embrey Cigar Factory next door was soon a mass of flames. This factory was well stocked and the loss is about \$900, there being no insurance.

Dr. Russell had his office in the drug store and besides his medicine and fixtures he had several hundred dollars in notes. He had no insurance and everything was a total loss.

Dr. Smith had several loads of household goods, as well as the family's summer clothing stored upstairs in the building. This was also a total loss with no insurance.

J. H. Burnell, the painter, was also in the path of destruction. His work shop joined the drug store store on Central street and the building and contents were a total loss with no insurance.

Gurley Brothers hardware ware room was the next building. It was full of farm machinery but the damage of several hundred dollars is covered by insurance.

Duncan-Catrons Millinery was next to take fire but this was put out before much damage was done.

The roof of J. O. Hammons' insurance office caught but was also put out before much damage was done.

Mrs. Estes deserves credit for her work in saving the business section of our little city. The reflection of the fire woke her up and she at once went to the Methodist church and rang the bell until help arrived and saved the town from ruin.

Prof. Horner, of Oklahoma, owned the building where the drug store was located. It was a total loss with no insurance.—Fairview World.

### Notice of Final Settlement—Admin- istrator

All Creditors and others interested in the Estate of J. H. Petlitz, deceased, are notified that the undersigned Administrator of said Estate, intends to make a final settlement of said Estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry County, to be holden at Cassville in said County, on the 8th day of February, 1915.

L. E. PETLITZER,  
Administrator.

This 9th day of January, 1915.

First insertion January 15.

### HIGH FIVE CLUB

Mrs. Minie Werren was hostess to the High Five Club on Friday afternoon. A pleasant time was spent at the game, Mrs. Louis Tucker and Mrs. John Walsh being successful in winning the prizes.

Those attending were Mesdames John Walsh, Louis Tucker, Tom Dwyer, W. D. Randall, Burkholz, J. D. Heyburn, Thos. Markwell, Geo. Miller, Paul Ruskoski, White, Lawrence Welsh, W. J. Fleming, Fred Campbell, W. T. Dailey and Haefliger.

### Must Get a Rest Somehow

Doctor—You must go away for a long rest.

Overworked Merchant—But, doctor I'm too busy to get away.

Doctor—Well then, you must stop advertising.—Boston Transcript.

## DIES AT A GREAT AGE.

**Parsons Woman Born Near Natchez, Miss., in 1806**

Parsons, Kan., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Sarah Garrett, who was born six years before the outbreak of the war of 1812, died at her home here today. She was more than 109 years old and had survived four different husbands.

Mrs. Garrett was born near Natchez, Miss., in 1806. Her father was an Irishman and her mother a full-blood Choctaw Indian. She moved from Mississippi to Texas fifty-five years ago and ten years ago she came to Parsons, where she has been living with her children.

Mrs. Garrett could remember distinctly incidents of the war of 1812, and the war with Mexico. She was a half century old when the civil war started. Having personal recollections of all these events she was particularly interested in the present European conflict.

### FARMERS LECTURE COURSE

To Officers and Members of all A. H. T. A. Sub Orders:  
GREETING:—

At a regular meeting of Joplin Lodge No. 151, the Farmers' Lecture Course, to be held at the Market House at Joplin, January 29 and 30, was brought to our attention by Brother Marion Staples, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Joplin Commercial, and Sub Order No. 151 unanimously voted its endorsement and appointed the undersigned committee to extend a special invitation to the officers and members of all subordinate lodges to attend the said farmers' lecture course, January 29 and 30, and bring the women folk.

J. Kelley Wright and W. D. McKee, of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture will be the lecturers and many subjects of interest pertaining to general agriculture and live stock will be discussed.

The farm lecture course lectures will be FREE and will be held at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., on the dates given, (January 29 and 30), at the Joplin Market House, Twelfth and Main streets.

Everyone is invited to come and bring the members of their family.

The President and Secretary of each subordinate lodge of the A. H. T. A. is hereby authorized and is requested to notify each and every member of your lodge of this invitation and invite them to be present. Don't forget the date, January 29 and 30.

Joplin Sub Order No. 151, A. H. T. A. Committee for Lodge: Robert L. Bridges, H. A. Sylvester, E. G. Morrison, Harry J. Mead, S. W. Cogizer, W. D. Doss.

### CHARLES W. FREAR

President No. 151.

WILLIAM P. WEST,

Secretary No. 151.

### CASSVILLE NEWS

Grover Hobbs and family went to Springfield, Sunday night.

Famous Neil of Monett, attended Mrs. C. W. Eden's funeral on the 7th. Miss Dixie Hobbs went to Kansas City, Sunday night to visit her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Martin and family.

Conductor Dick Mock of Fayetteville, Ark., attended a meeting of the First National Bank in this city Wednesday. He married Miss Anna Bash.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Preston of Clifton, Ohio, came in Wednesday noon to visit their many old friends in and near this city. They are very handsomely situated at Clifton. Mr. Preston formerly owned the Roaring River Mill property. They will spend a week or ten days in this section.

J. J. Taggart of near Eagle Rock, was in the city Saturday. He said the drove of elk that escaped from the Elk Ranch near Eureka Springs, were still at large and some of them had been killed.

Saturday, January 9, the case of State vs Chas. Kendall, charged with attempting to poison Elijah Hilton's stock near the McDowell Mill, a few weeks ago, came up in 'Squire Sons' court, Saturday. Prosecuting Attorney Burgess and Jake Davis prosecuted and James George and James Talbert defended. The result of the investigation was that Chas. Kendall was held in bond of \$500 for his appearance at circuit court.—Democrat.